

DWR Comments on the Second Administrative Draft
of the CALFED Response to Comments

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CR5, Page 2, Last Sentence. This response is unclear and incomplete. This sentence should read something like "This includes entrainment losses at pumps and siphons, reduced survival when young fish are drawn out of the main river channels in the Delta, and reduced spawning success of adults when migratory cues are altered." (Zachary Hymanson 227-7543)

IA-5.1-94. The commentor states "...increased reservoir releases, which can result in reduced exports." The response says "... Increased .. releases ... likely to increase exports.." Suggest saying that both may occur depending on what the transfer water is used for. Some existing environmental water transfers stipulate reduced exports and may result in less reservoir releases later in the agriculture irrigation season. (John Pacheco 653-6426)

IA-6.1.8.1-8. The logic of the response seems flawed. If water is taken out of the Sacramento River at Hood and allowed to flow into the Mokelumne River system, how can the proportion of flow entering Georgiana Slough from the Sacramento River increase? This seems counterintuitive. Generally, if there is more water flowing in the Mokelumne River system, the water surface elevation is raised there. Conversely, if there is less water in the Sacramento River, the water surface elevation is lowered. This should cause the hydraulic gradient in Georgiana Slough to be reduced, thereby reducing the flow in Georgiana Slough. If enough water is taken out of the Sacramento River at Hood and dumped into the Mokelumne River system, the flow into Georgiana Slough could possibly stop or even reverse. Without the reference document and given limited time for review, we cannot reconcile this seemingly erroneous statement. (Zachary Hymanson 227-7543)

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Comment ERP 0-44. The comment requests preparation of recovery plans for threatened and endangered anadromous fish species. The response states "Recovery plans are being prepared and their recommendations are incorporated in the ERPP. 1006.16." In fact, recovery plans exist for Sacramento spring-run chinook, Sacramento late fall-run chinook, Sacramento winter-run chinook, and San Joaquin fall-run chinook. Spring-run and winter-run and listed species. The comment should be revised to reflect the current state of available information. (Zachary Hymanson 227-7543)Page x, Section 4.3, Comment ERP I 4.3-1. The comment states "the Colusa Basin Drain should not be considered a tributary to the Sacramento River." The response relates to water temperatures and the potential for reusing the warm water from the Colusa Basin Drain. This response misses the point of the comment, which as written, relates to the hydrologic connections. (Zachary Hymanson 227-7543)

WT 00-5. Suggest following changes to last two sentences: "In the absence of a specific policy direction and/ or authority to do otherwise, particular CALFED agencies will tend to must operate under ~~adhere to~~ their current policies and positions meant to protect the water users and tax payers they serve. ~~Until CALFED's job is to can~~ facilitate consensus that may lead to changes in these policies that will lift market constraints while preserving the rights of the agencies' water users. ~~this is not a surprising reaction.~~ (John Pacheco 653-6426)

WT 4.4-1. Need to explain multiple uses of water (see response WT4.4.3-1) and what happens to abandon water. Suggest adding following sentences after first sentence. "California water law recognizes that multiple uses and benefits can be realized from the same water. The water appropriation system allows downstream legal users of water to divert and put to beneficial use any water that has been returned to a water system (abandoned) by an upstream water user." (John Pacheco 653-6426)

WT 4.4-3. Why is CALFED taking a side on a tax issue it has no authority over? Local governments and others are the appropriate parties to decide whether or not third party impacts adversely hurt their community. These parties will decide what recourse they have under the NEPA or CEQA process or even the courts to gain restitution. Delete second and last sentences in reply. (John Pacheco 653-6426)